Senate Bill 132
By: Senator Williams of the 19th

AS PASSED

AN ACT

To amend an Act providing for the Board of Education of Wayne County, approved January 28, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3512), as amended, so as to provide for the nonpartisan election of members of that board; to provide for submission of this Act under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

An Act providing for the Board of Education of Wayne County, approved January 28, 1994 (Ga. L. 1994, p. 3512), as amended, is amended by striking subsection (f) of Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(f) All elections for members of the Board of Education of Wayne County conducted after January 1, 2006, shall be nonpartisan elections as provided for in Code Section 21-2-139 of the O.C.G.A. Such nonpartisan elections shall be held in conjunction with the November general election immediately preceding expiration of the term of office and conducted as provided in Chapter 2 of Title 21 of the O.C.G.A., the 'Georgia Election Code.' Those members of the board of education in office on January 1, 2006, shall serve out the terms of office for which they were elected and shall be eligible to succeed themselves as provided in this subsection."

SECTION 2.

The Board of Education of Wayne County shall through its legal counsel cause this Act to be submitted for preclearance under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended; and such submission shall be made to the United States Department of Justice or filed with the appropriate court no later than 90 days after the date on which this Act is approved by the Governor or otherwise becomes law without such approval.

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
without such approval.

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SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.